



IDEM Permit Guide:

Permitting Industrial Wastewater Discharge to a Municipal Treatment Plant

www.IN.gov/idem/guides/permit/water/industrialmunicipal.html

Who May Need a Permit

Industrial wastes can damage sewers or interfere with the operation of publicly owned treatment works. They can pass through a system untreated, contaminating nearby water bodies and increasing the cost and environmental risks of sludge treatment and disposal. Using proven pollution control techniques, industries can pretreat their wastewater to remove pollutants before discharging them into the municipal system.

To discharge industrial pretreated wastewater into a municipal sewer connected to a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) may require a permit. In Indiana, 45 municipalities implement U.S. EPA approved pretreatment permit ordinances:

Anderson
Auburn
Bloomington
Bremen
Columbus
Connersville
Crawfordsville
East Chicago
Elkhart

Evansville
Fort Wayne
Frankfort
Gary
Goshen
Greensburg
Hammond
Huntington
Indianapolis

Jasper
Jeffersonville
Kendallville
Kokomo
Lafayette
LaPorte
Logansport
Madison
Marion

Michigan City
Mishawaka
Muncie
New Albany
New Castle
North Vernon
Plymouth
Princeton
Richmond

Seymour
Shelbyville
South Bend
Speedway
Terre Haute
Valparaiso
Vincennes
Wabash
Warsaw

If you are planning to discharge industrial wastewater into the municipal sewer system in one of these cities or towns, you will need to contact the local pretreatment program coordinator to gain approval. A phone listing of pretreatment coordinators can be found on the IDEM Internet Website at: <http://www.IN.gov/idem/owm/npdes/wwet/ptcoord.pdf> (**PDF File**), or by asking to speak with the wastewater pretreatment coordinator at one of the utilities listed above. If you are planning to discharge into a municipal sewer in a location other than those listed above, you must first submit an Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Permit application to IDEM so that it can be determined whether a permit is required.

Some of the things a discharger must do to comply with IDEM's Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Permit Program include (but are not limited to):

- < Submit an application describing the industrial process, listing the Pollutants of Concern, specifying sampling procedures, and providing all related information,
- < List the names and addresses of all persons who may be potentially affected by the discharge from your facility,
- < Obtain a waste acceptance letter from the receiving POTW,
- < If needed, obtain a Wastewater Facility Construction Permit to build the pretreatment facility,
- < Submit a \$50 application fee, and pay an annual fee of \$350.

What to Expect

Although IDEM faces no specific time limits for issuing permitting decisions on IWPPs,

applications generally are processed in less than 60 days. Draft permits also must be placed on public notice for 30 days.

Regardless of whether IDEM or a municipality issues the pretreatment permit, the permittee also must apply for a [Wastewater Facility Construction permit](#) from IDEM prior to initial construction of the actual on-site pretreatment facility. However, subsequent modifications may, or may not, require a construction permit. In addition, the operator of the pretreatment facility also will have to obtain a [Wastewater Operator Certification](#) from IDEM.

For Additional Information

To learn more about IDEM's Industrial Pretreatment Permits or to obtain an application form, contact Bill Blue at 317/ 232-8729 or Keven Cohoon at 317/ 233-0570, or look on the IDEM Internet Website OWQ Pretreatment Permit Programs page at <http://www.in.gov/idem/owm/facmang/wwet/summ.html>.

Disclaimer

This permit guide is intended to provide background information which should be useful in planning for a particular project that may require an environmental permit. It does not substitute for consultation with the appropriate regulatory agency and/or the appropriate rules or statute.